

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

GUY ANDERSON,

Plaintiff,

v.

PACIFIC COAST MARITIME, INC., et  
al.,

Defendants.

CASE NO. C06-134JLR

MINUTE ORDER

The following minute order is made by the direction of the court, the Honorable  
James L. Robart:

The court has received the parties' stipulation to continue certain case management  
deadlines (Dkt. # 21). The court DENIES the stipulation. If the parties wish to enter a  
new stipulation to continue case management deadlines, they must do so in compliance  
with this order.

The court enters orders setting trial dates and related dates to provide a reasonable  
schedule for the resolution of disputes. That schedule generally provides approximately  
90 days between the deadline for filing dispositive motions and the trial date. With  
dispositive motions due 90 days before trial, they will generally be ripe for consideration  
one month later. See Local Rules W.D. Wash. CR 7(d)(3). The court's calendar  
generally permits it to enter a decision on dispositive motions within 30 days. See Local  
Rules W.D. Wash. CR 7(b)(5). In order to permit the parties to consider the court's

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1 decision on dispositive motions and plan for trial or an alternative resolution, the court  
2 generally requires at least 30 days between the court's decision and the trial date. For  
3 these reasons, the court will rarely set the deadline for dispositive motions less than 90  
4 days before the trial date.

5 The court will deny any stipulation that does not provide a compelling reason to  
6 abandon these case management principles. Thus, if the parties seek to modify case  
7 management deadlines in a manner inconsistent with this order, they must provide the  
8 court with a compelling reason for doing so. If appropriate, the parties may consent to a  
9 shortened schedule for briefing dispositive motions, but they must explicitly state the  
10 shortened schedule in their stipulation.

11 When entering a stipulation to change a case management deadline, the parties  
12 must explicitly state the effect that the change will have on all subsequent case  
13 management deadlines, if any. The stipulation must expressly request a specific new date  
14 for each subsequent deadline.

15 Finally, the court notes that the parties represent that Plaintiff is participating in a  
16 weight loss program, and that his success in this program will impact whether he needs  
17 back surgery. The court directs the parties to telephone the court's law clerk to arrange a  
18 telephone conference to discuss whether awaiting the results of the weight loss program  
19 will necessitate a delay in the trial of this matter.

20 Filed and entered this 7th day of August, 2006.

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24 BRUCE RIFKIN, Clerk

25 s/Mary Duett  
26 By Deputy Clerk  
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